

**Subject:** Article on a birth defect in Yakima County mentions possible link to nitrates &/ or corn meal contaminants

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An interesting article today in the Yakima paper about a fatal birth defect that's been reported/observed in Yakima County at a high rate in the last year. The article mentions potential environmental contributors could be nitrates in drinking water and/or a contaminant in cornmeal. Makes me wonder if there can be a synergistic effect for residents who have diets high in both (ie... corn tortillas, tamales, etc...).

<http://www.yakimaherald.com/news/yhr/thursday/785518-8/increase-in-fatal-birth-defect-raises-alarm-in>

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